

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-7 and 14-18 of the instant application stand as allowed by the Notice of Allowance mailed June 16, 2004. In reviewing the allowed claims, Applicants noted that there is an error in the dependency of certain allowed claims and a typographical error in another claim. Claims 16, 17, and 18 should depend from claim 15, rather than claim 14 as presently recited. Additionally, claim 18 lacks the article ‘said’ for an element having antecedent basis. Applicants propose correcting these errors in this paper. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the amendments constitute new matter in contravention of 35 U.S.C. 132. Reconsideration and the entry of these proposed amendments are respectfully requested.

With respect to the amended dependency of claims 16, 17, and 18, Applicants respectfully submit that such an amendment is required so that the claim term “said solution of imaging agent in aqueous medium” has antecedent basis.

With respect to the further amendment of claim 18, Applicants respectfully submit that including the article “said” renders the claim more definitive.

In view of the amendments and remarks hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application, including claims 1-7 and 14-18, is in condition for issuance. Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

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Any questions the Examiner may have with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicants undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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